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God willing

James 4:13 **Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.**

James 5:1 **Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days.**

James 5:4 **Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.**

Voice 1: Merchants

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Foolish About Reality

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Arrogant Before God

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Is Planning Wrong?



Planning in Faith



4:15 Instead, you ought to say,
“If it is the Lord’s will, we will
live and do this or that.”

Prov. 21:5 The plans of the
diligent lead to profit as surely
as haste leads to poverty.

Planning in Faith Thinking

- **Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. (Prov. 3:5–6)**
- **If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. (1:5)**

Planning in Faith Speaking

- **Instead, you ought to SAY, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.”**

Voice 2: Farm Workers

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Certainty of Judgment

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Success Brings Justice & Generosity

- **Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. (Rom. 13:8)**
- **Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. (Eph. 4:28)**

Living DV

- **Speak words which acknowledge God's control of your life and demonstrate your dependence on Him.**
- **He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)**